

## NEARING THE END.

## THE PRESIDENT SLOWLY SINKING.

The changes in his system yesterday—consultations of the physicians—The official bulletin—Dr. Agnew and Hamilton at the White House.

We write at three o'clock this morning. The skill of the physician, the royalty of manly strength, the ease of the friends, and the gentle ministrations of man's best gift have belated for nearly three days with the murderous lead which sought the President's heart. From the shock to the nervous system he soon rallied. Hemorrhage did not create alarm. Inflammation followed. These were the necessary sequences to the shot. The patient has been the object of most intense anxiety through all this to fifty millions of people. His physician, Dr. Bliss, with able assistants, have kept the public informed as his pulse rose and fell, and how, until nearly midnight yesterday, held steady hope. There were no symptoms that held recovery. Between six and seven, however, there came alarming statements. It was said that the patient had been vomiting, and that the bulletin promised at seven would be postponed until eight. Some said there had been a convulsion, which came on while the bowels were for the first time being relieved. All calculations were set aside by this alarming demonstration. At 7:45 the bulletin appeared, and the words "unfavorable symptoms again dominant," "the President wanders a little in his mind," "typhoid is again more noticeable," "pulse 124," "at ten—Pulse 124," "symptoms slightly ameliorated," etc., etc. But, alas! other information made these formal and technical words seem the mere mechanism of the sick-room, the humane evasions of baffled surgery. Rumors came that, in addition to all other distressing symptoms, there were evidences of blood-poison, and to this was attributed the stupor into which the suffering man was said to have fallen.

The immense vitality of the President may prolong the resistance he has so grandly made, but the harrowing truth had better be told—that hope has well nigh died. The people must prepare to meet the great event. Unless Heaven shall interpose, what would appear a miracle, the great heart of our Chief Magistrate has nearly finished its work. In silence and in tears the Nation will await the dreaded stroke.

## THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

## Anxiety as to the Result—The Throng of Visitors—Incidents During the Day.

The Executive Mansion was thronged again all day yesterday by anxious people seeking to obtain later and less technical information with regard to the President's condition than was contained in the official bulletins. The members of the Cabinet spent nearly the entire day in the library, and all the prominent executives were here, and the representatives of foreign governments have called, many of them repeatedly, to make inquiries. The President's condition last night was admitted by the physicians to be somewhat unfavorable than it had been during the day, but the change was not regarded as especially alarming, for the reason that the temperature was close, and the pulse was not so marked as it had been. The President was about the same time Saturday evening and Sunday evening last night. The day, too, was extremely warm and close, and the President was more or less restless from that cause and the pressure due to the location of the nerves leading to the feet. The attending physicians, however, were very reluctant to express any positive opinion, and the President's condition was not regarded as especially alarming. The President was about the same time Saturday evening and Sunday evening last night. The day, too, was extremely warm and close, and the President was more or less restless from that cause and the pressure due to the location of the nerves leading to the feet. The attending physicians, however, were very reluctant to express any positive opinion, and the President's condition was not regarded as especially alarming.

The crowd about the gate at six o'clock was probably the largest since Saturday. The delay in getting out the bulletin gave rise to rumors that the President was worse. There was a good deal of excitement, but the crowd was quiet and orderly. When the bulletin issued at 7:45 was read, the reading created a profound feeling of gloom, and it was felt that the worst had come. There was a constant stream of prominent callers at the White House that came and went. It was the desire to keep everything as quiet as possible, and this was done. The restrictions as to those who were allowed to go upon the grounds were increased, and only prominent men and those having business were admitted. After the issue of the bulletin and the announcement that no other would be issued before the President's recovery, the President's condition was not regarded as especially alarming. The President was about the same time Saturday evening and Sunday evening last night. The day, too, was extremely warm and close, and the President was more or less restless from that cause and the pressure due to the location of the nerves leading to the feet. The attending physicians, however, were very reluctant to express any positive opinion, and the President's condition was not regarded as especially alarming.

As ten o'clock, the time announced for the issue of the next bulletin, the greatest anxiety was manifested. It was evident in the crowd around the gate, on the portico, and the inside corridor. The number of newspaper men and visitors was very great. Secretary Blaine returned and at once hurried upstairs.

At half-past ten. Young Dr. Bliss has just come downstairs, and says that the President is worse. He is very much distressed. It is impossible to say whether the crisis has been reached or not. There are no indications of permanent recovery. The bulletin has not been increased. The President is generally regarded as more favorable, and there was a general exodus from the house. Rev. Mr. Power said he felt very much distressed. He has not increased. The bulletin has not been increased. The President is generally regarded as more favorable, and there was a general exodus from the house.

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